

Atty. Docket No. 0241us320

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Erik Karrer, *et al.*

Application No.: 10/686,945

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For: ANTIBODY DIVERSITY
GENERATION

Examiner: DeJong, Eric S.

Art Unit: 1631

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment in response to the Requirement for Restriction/Election dated June 23, 2006 in the above-referenced application. A Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time, extending the due date for response to November 24, 2006 (November 23, 2006 being a Federal Holiday), accompanies this response.

Claim amendments are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper, and

Remarks begin on page 4.